

Admin Guide - Max Brian Yale Genealogical Collection

About the Collection and Manuscripts

The Collection consists of about 50 PDF documents, in three groups:

- The Yale Line - Biographies of Yale Ancestors
- Extended Family - Notable family members not in the direct Yale line
- Reference Materials - Manuscripts on the Yale Coat of Arms, Yale DNA, etc.

Style and Consistency. We want to maintain all manuscripts as full sourced and high quality:

- Use full names and full dates when known
- Avoid abbreviations unless standard. For example, Use "California", not "CA" in narrative text
- Use documented facts that have sources you can reference.
- It's ok to occasionally speculate as long as it is isolated, well reasoned, and clearly presented as speculation and not fact.
- Keep tone neutral and factual. No cheerleading or embellishment.
- The "gold standard" reference for a historical event is contemporary, meaning that it is confirmed by a chronicle or document written at the time of the event. A citation that is 400 years after the fact may sound good but has to be treated with much skepticism.

At a minimum, each manuscript should contain these standard sections:

- Origin and Family
- Occupation and Property
- End of Life
- Research Notes
 - Genealogy Links
 - Further Reading
- References (using standard book-style citation format whenever possible)

This structure is also used in WikiTree profiles that I wrote and often in FamilySearch Brief Biographies that I wrote..

In Archive.Org a lot of effort has been made to make the metadata "SEO-friendly" as well as helpful to readers. Key metadata components are:

- Description: The first 120 characters are SEO-focused so the text should hit on the key high-valued words and phrases. The description also contains hyperlinks to Wikitree and FamilySearch.
- Subject List: Use commas to delimit key talking-points in the manuscript. Always start with the person's name and always end with "Max Brian Yale Genealogy Collection"
- Series: If it's not already a field, add it. The value should be Max Brian Yale Genealogy Collection - Yale Line. Or, "- Extended Family", or "- Reference Material"
- Volume: For Yale Line manuscripts, this is a sequence number that starts with 1 (Dominus Otho). Max Westcott Yale is number 31. For other documents, leave it blank.

When maintenance is needed

- I created "shell" biographies in Google Docs, WikiTree, Archive.Org, and FamilySearch for myself, Chris, Max, and Scott. These all need to be updated with actual biographies. This can be done anytime in FamilySearch as it is private while the person is living, but it should not be done in WikiTree or Archive.Org while the person is alive.
- When there is a marriage or divorce
- When there is a new birth
- When there is a death in the family

- When an error or omission is discovered in one of the documents, or on one of the associated web sites.
- When a new resource is found that provides new insights about an ancestor that either adds to his or her biography or proves that some of the biography is incorrect
- When a broken hyperlink is discovered - primarily in the list of references for a given ancestor
- On WikiTree, under your profile name there is a "Suggestions" link that will show you if there's anything wrong with any of your profiles (and some that aren't really yours). Look at it once a month or so - sometimes there are broken links or other issues that need to be addressed.

Succession Plan

Once I am gone, these tasks need to be performed:

Note: Google AI or ChatGPT are very helpful if you need advice on any of the tasks below

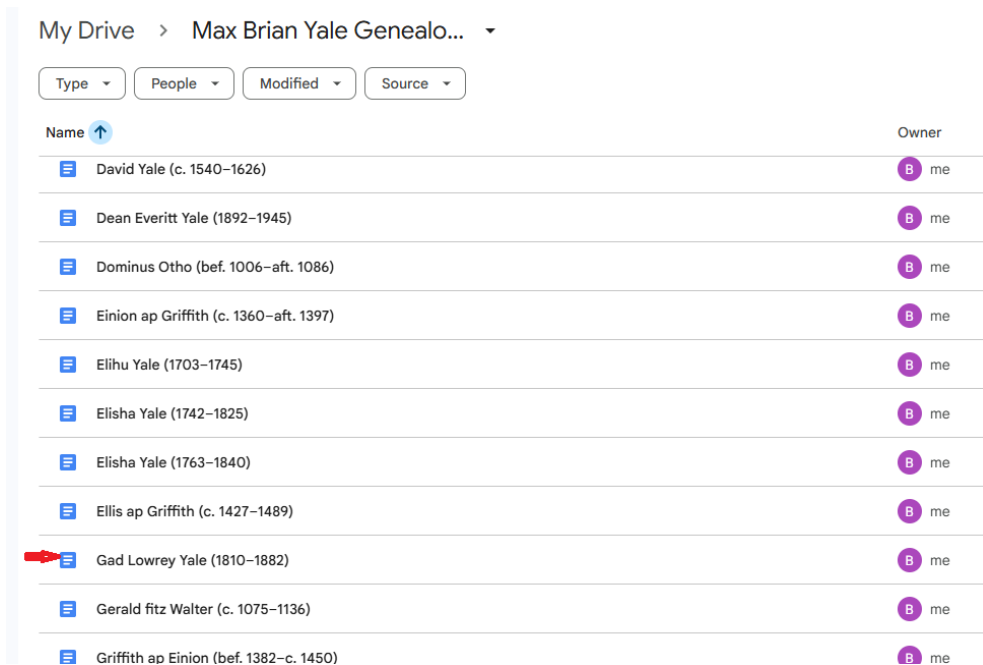
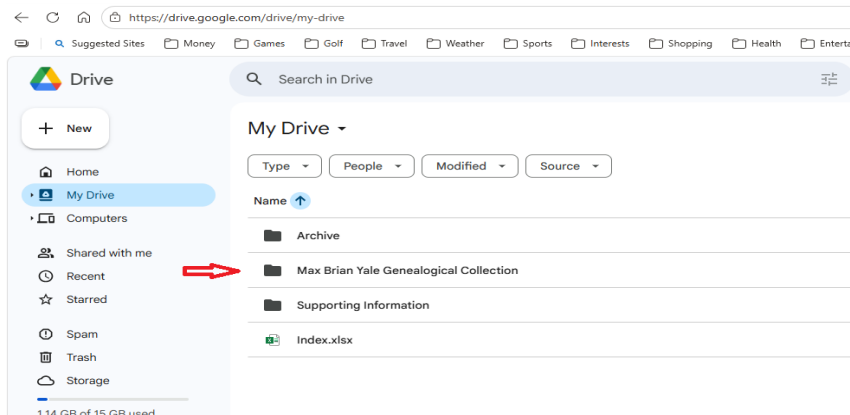
- On WikiTree, I am the Profile Manager for many ancestors. Work with WikiTree Support to get all these ancestors re-assigned to yourself. As the profile manager, you will be notified whenever changes are made to any ancestor you control.
- I have a "shell" biography Max Brian Yale (1947–) and a "full" biography in the Google Doc folder. Don't change their names - instead, empty the contents of the shell biography and copy the contents of the full biography into it. This is very important as we don't want the file names to change. Then, download a PDF of the Max Brian Yale (1947–) and update the existing version in Archive.Org
- On WikiTree, update my profile to show a date of death. Update the Biography based on the new [Archive.Org](#) biography.
- On FamilySearch, do the same - update the profile and write a "Brief Bio" based on the [archive.org](#) biography
- On Find a Grave, I am the Memorial Manager for several Memorials. Work with the Support team to get them all re-assigned to yourself. As the Memorial Manager, no one can change anything - they can only make suggestions that you accept to decline.
- You can change the Google Doc and [Archive.Org](#) name for me to show the year of death but don't change the URL - it breaks a lot of inbound links and confuses the hell out of [archive.org](#)

Skills you will need:

- Google Docs
 - Ability to add or edit documents
 - Ability to add/edit hyperlinks
 - Ability to create, assign, and use proper citation references
 - Ability to fix broken hyperlinks using Wayback, etc.
- Archive.Org
 - Ability to upload a new PDF document
 - Ability to update an existing document
 - Ability to change the viewer from book-view to PDF-view
 - Ability to manage all document metadata
 - Ability to remove a document
- WikiTree
 - Ability to add or update profiles of ancestors
 - Ability to add or update references on profile pages
 - Ability to become a profile manager for selected ancestors
 - Ability to work with other profile managers and protective groups
- FamilySearch
 - Ability to add or update profiles of ancestors
 - Ability to add/update sources for ancestors
 - Ability to use notes and brief biography to limit unwanted changes by others
- Find a Grave
 - Ability to add or update memorials of ancestors
 - Ability to become a Memorial Manager for selected ancestors
 - Ability to suggest changes to Memorials you don't manage

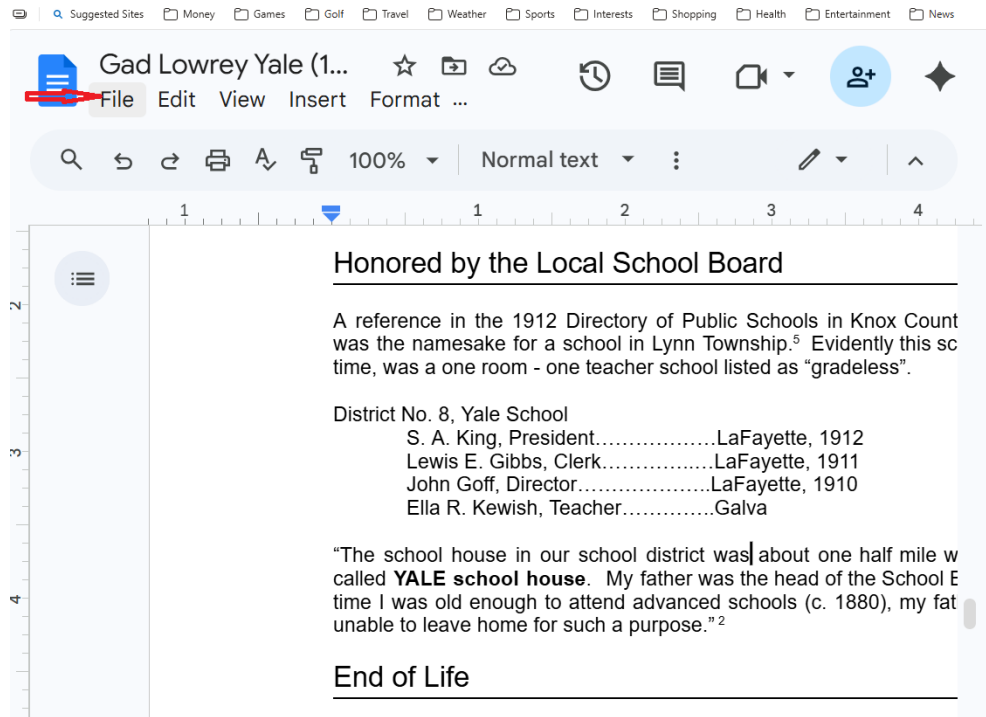
How to update a manuscript in Archive.Org:

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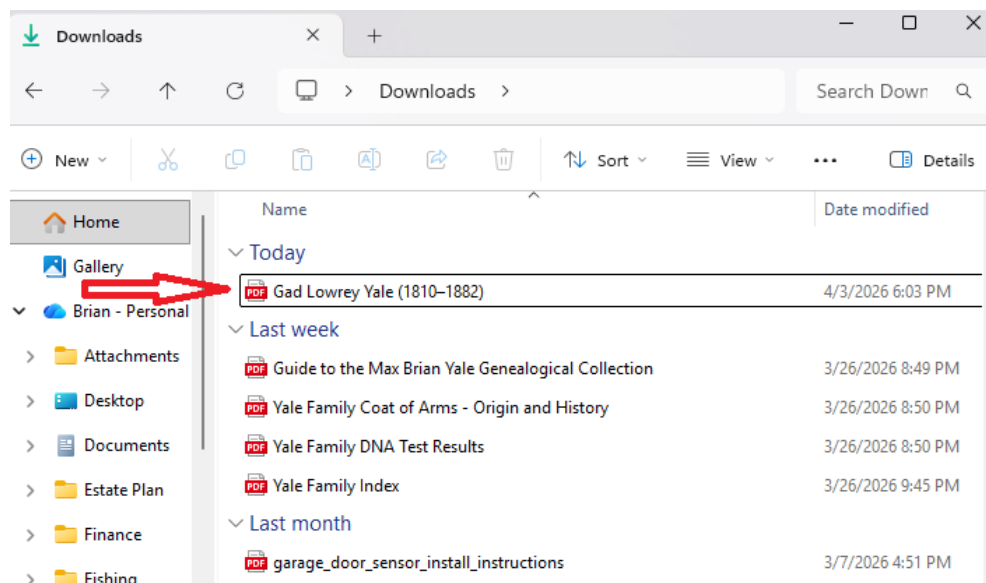


Open the document and make whatever changes are necessary:

When done, click File:

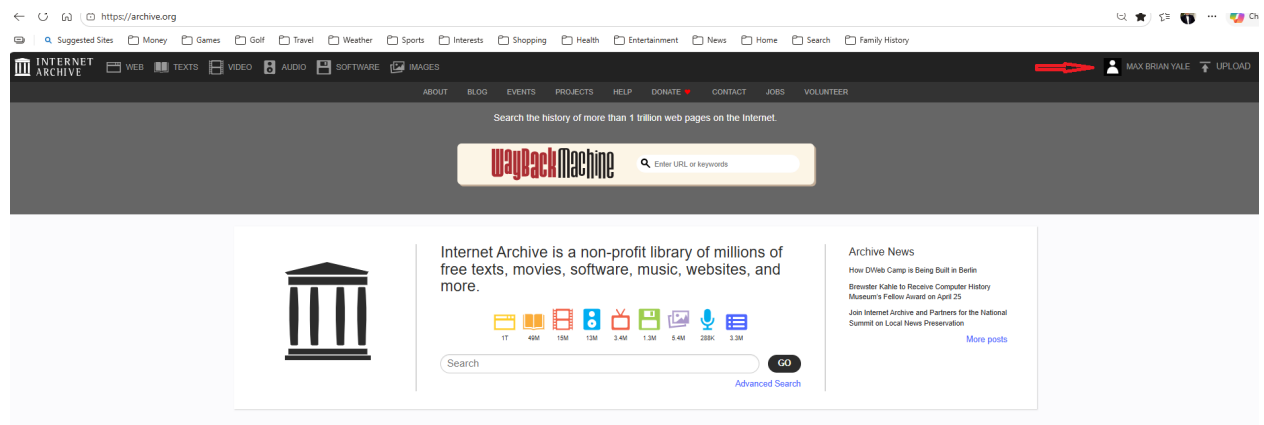


Select the File menu option "Download" then the submenu option "PDF". This will place a PDF in your download folder:



It is best to open the PDF and review it as often the PDF will not have the same page breaks, so you could have pages with just one sentence on them or an extra blank page at the end of the document.

Now, login to [Archive.Org](https://archive.org) as user Max Brian Yale:



Click on the name and then click on the menu choice “My Uploads” to see all the PDF files. Find the ancestor you are changing and click on the name -

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Ann Lloyd Yale (c. 1595-1659) of New Haven, Connecticut	Max Brian Yale	2025	PDF	0
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Elisha Yale (1763-1840) of Canaan, Connecticut	Max Brian Yale	2025	PDF	0
Ellis ap Griffith (c. 1427-1489) of Plas-yn-Yale, Denbighshire	Max Brian Yale	2025	PDF	0
Gad Lowrey Yale (1810-1882) of Lynn Township, Illinois	Max Brian Yale	2025	PDF	0
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Once you open the file, you'll need to use the down arrow to scroll down to reveal the “edit” control:

Gad Lowrey Yale (1810–1882)

Origin and Family

Born Feb 26, 1810. d. Apr 14, 1882, Age 72 years

Father: [Herman Yale \(1781–1825\)](#)
Mother: Rhoda Lowrey
Spouse: 1st, Abby W. Reed (1816–1849), 2nd Mary W. Wilsey (1821–1894)

Children:¹

By Abby W. Reed

1. Frederick Yale died in infancy
2. Frank L. Yale (1848–)

By Mary W. Wilsey, Lynn Township, Knox County, Illinois

3. Sherman H Yale(1850–)
4. Miles LaMott Yale (1852–)
5. Adella Yale (1855–1933)
6. Edson Fremont Yale (1856–)
7. [Rodney Horace Yale \(1864–1937\)](#)

From [1], Gad Lowrey Yale, of Galva, Illinois, was married October 16, 1836, to Abby W. Reed, a daughter of William Reed, of Goshen, Conn., and later of Knox, Co. Ill. She was born in 1816. He married secondly to Mary M. Wilsey, August 26, 1849, who was born December 13, 1821, at Troy, Bradford Co., Penn. She was a daughter of William H. Wilsey, and Catharine Maynard-Wilsey. William H. and Catharine M. Wilsey had three children: William H. Wilsey, Jr., late of Mapleton and Little Sioux, Ia., born May 6, 1822; Sabrina (Mrs. Jacob Cramer) of Galva, Kans., and Mary M. Wilsey-Yale. Catharine Maynard was born in Vermont, and went with her parents to Pennsylvania, where she married Mr. Wilsey. He died while their three children were quite young, and she married Oliver Stoddard, and moved in 1836, first to Ohio, then to Michigan, and thence to Peoria, Co., Ill., where Catharine died at the age of 50 years. Mrs. Mary M. W. Yale was a school teacher for a number of years in Illinois before her marriage.

Occupation and Property

Gad Lowrey Yale moved with his family from South Canaan, Conn., to Knox, Co., Ill., in 1840, and purchased quite a large tract of land in Lynn Township, Knox Co. The country there was new at that time, and Chicago, then only a small place, was the favored trading- point, 140 miles distant. A trip to Chicago, with wagons loaded with wheat and hauled with ox teams, was not an unusual, yet a formidable undertaking in those days; returning with supplies for the farm and home. The material for a large barn built on the Lynn Township farm, was partly hauled from Chicago in this manner. Mr. Yale was an enterprising, energetic, genial and courageous man of unswerving integrity, and respected by all who knew him. He was an invalid for the last six years of his life, and died on his Lynn Township farm, April 14, 1882. Yale school in Lynn Township was named after him.




Gad Lowrey Yale (1810–1882) of Lynn Township, Illinois

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Click on the Edit link. You will get this option:

Choose the “change the files” option. You would only choose the “change the information” if you want to change metadata, link the description or subject list.

Please pick from one of the two choices:

I want to **change the information** (metadata) about my item.

For example, I want to change my [title] or [description].



I want to **change the files** in my item.

For example, I want to rename an audio file, add a file, or delete a file.

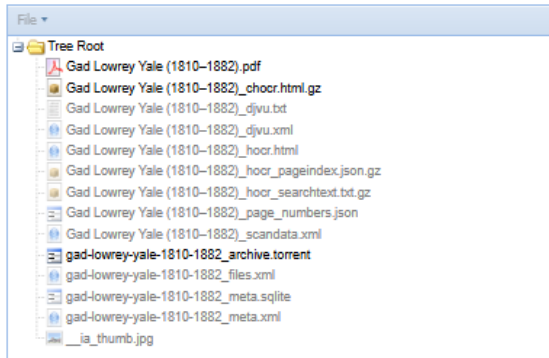


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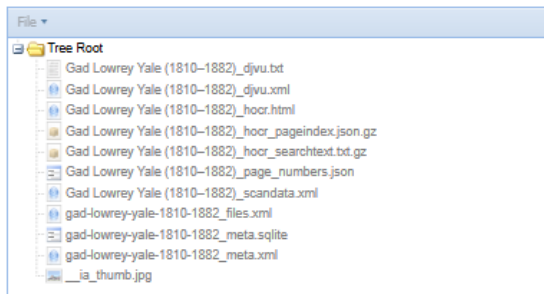
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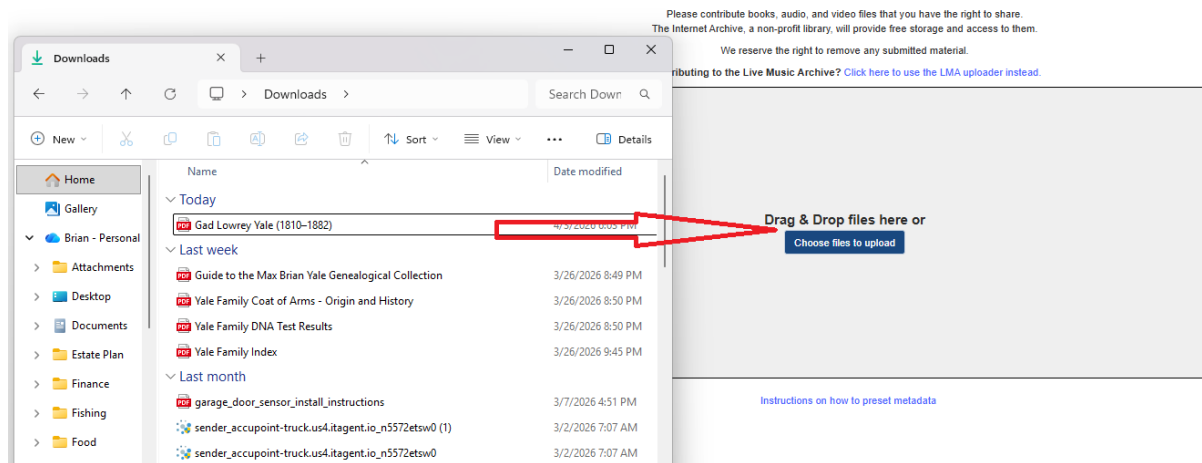
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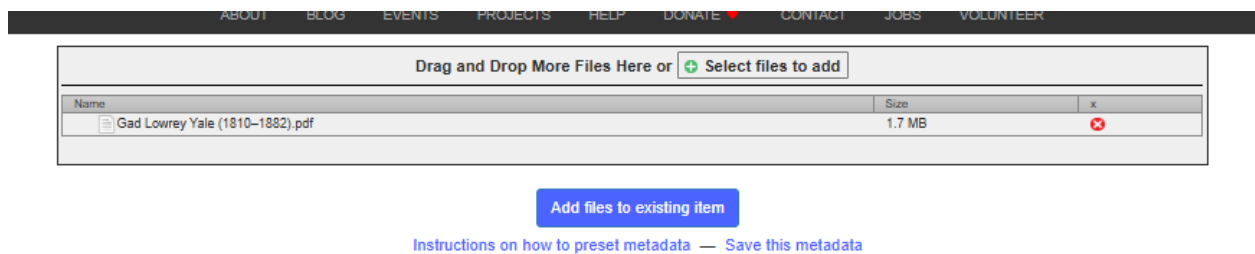


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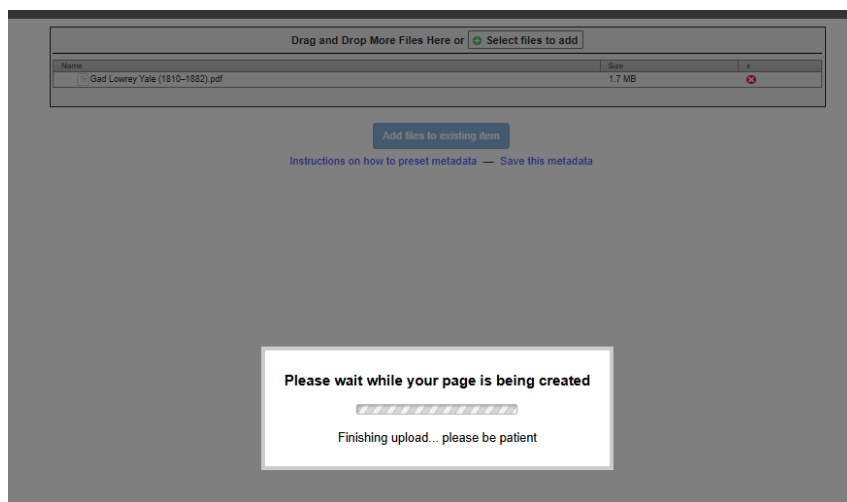
Now you can add your modified PDF from your download folder. Click on “Add a file” -



Drag and Drop your PDF - you will see this screen:



Click on the blue link to add files to the existing item. You will see this screen, will last from 30 seconds to as long as 15 minutes:



Eventually, it will display the **OLD PDF** - not the one you just updated. Not sure why it does that but it can take from 5 minutes to 1 hour before it refreshes with the updated PDF.

Often, when the new PDF is displayed, it will use the default “book viewer” display. Which we don’t want because the book viewer display deactivates all the hyperlinks. We want the original PDF display. This is another odd quirk in Archive.org that is necessary to do:

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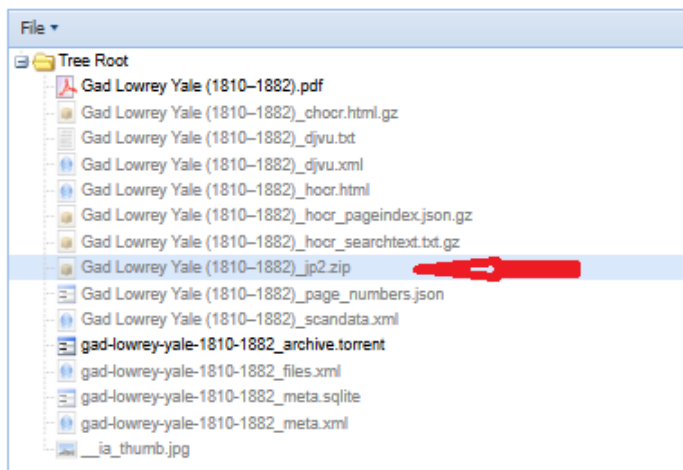
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